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November 5, 2014

Certified Return Receipt 7013 2250 0000 2309 2150

Clay Holman A New Dig, Inc. 78 South Main Street P. O. Box 122 Hinckley, Utah 84635

Subject: <u>Division Directive to Reclaim or to Post Additional Reclamation Surety, A New Dig,</u> Inc., A New Dig Mine, S/027/0070, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Holman:

The permitted disturbance area for the A New Dig mine is one acre, and this has been exceeded. The reclamation surety held by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division), \$2500.00, is inadequate for the existing disturbance. The Division is requiring additional reclamation surety and/or reclamation of the A New Dig mine.

By December 4, 2014, you are hereby directed to take one of the following actions:

- 1) Provide full reclamation surety for the current mining disturbance which is estimated to be four acres. The Division's average cost per acre for four acres with a three-year escalation is \$23,000. OR
- 2) Partially regrade and then reseed the current mine disturbance AND provide an initial reclamation surety increase of at least \$5,000, with the total required surety increase to be determined after regrading, OR
- 3) Completely regrade and reseed the current mining disturbance.

In addition, the Division received payment for overdue 2012 and 2013 permit fees, but has not received payment for the 2014 annual permit fee. The amount due is \$150. Please pay this amount by December 4, 2014.

Failure to complete reclamation and/or provide additional reclamation surety as required is likely to result in enforcement action and associated fines.

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The reclamation surety documents retained by the Division list Marlow Cropper as one of the surety owners. Since Marlow Cropper is deceased, the reclamation surety documents will need to be corrected. Contact Penny Berry, bond coordinator, to notify her of your plans. She can be reached by telephone at 801-538-5291 or by e mail at pennyberry@utah.gov.

Once you meet the requirements of this letter, you will then need to update the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations by submitting an amendment to reflect the current, proposed, and regraded mine disturbances.

If you have questions or concerns about this letter, please contact Peter Brinton at 801-538-5258, or me at 801-538-5261. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely, July for land Balle

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Attachment: Recommended seed mix

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Kelly Cropper (kcropper@vsrindustries.com)

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Wheeler Ampitheater Trilobite Area Seed Mix (recommended) Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

Species	Amount
Crested Wheatgrass - Hycrest	0.5 lb/acre
Fourwing Saltbush	2.0 lb/acre
Indian Ricegrass - Nezpar	2.0 lb/acre
Siberian Wheatgrass - Vavilov	2.0 lb/acre
Pubescent Wheatgrass	2.0 lb/acre
Western Wheatgrass - Arriba	3.0 lb/acre
Forage Kochia - Immigrant	0.5 lb/acre
Palmer penstemon	0.5 lb/acre
Winterfat	1.0 lb/acre
Yellow sweet clover	0.5 lb/acre
Small burnet	0.5 lb/acre

Total 14.5 lbs/acre

- * Keep your seed stored at a cool or cold temperature until you are ready to spread it
- * Broadcast seeding is typically much more effective on freshly-roughened soils (e.g. immediately after regrading)
- * Keep your seed tags and records of your revegetation activities as documentation for the Division
- * Contact the Division if you have questions or concerns